



**High School Feedback Reports Updated/Student Clearinghouse Data Files Available**

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The High School Feedback Reports in the Data Reporting System (DRS) Secured Site has been updated for 2015. The reports provide details of graduates and subsequent postsecondary choices. In addition, the updated National Student Clearinghouse Data Download files are located in the NSSRS Validation website. The data download files include the most up-to-date college enrollment data currently available for all graduates, including the 2014-2015 graduates. With authorization from the Superintendent, these files can be accessed by logging into the NDE Portal and opening NSSRS Validation, then clicking on Data Downloads in the top menu, then Student Clearinghouse.



**NeSA-RMSW 2015-2016 Key Dates**

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Key dates for NeSA-RMSW are presented in the following table.

Update Student Information in NSSRS for NeSA-W Operational Test	December 1, 2015
Update Student Information in NSSRS for NeSA-RMS Operational Test	January 20, 2016

Additional information on NeSA testing is available at the Statewide Assessment Website:

<http://www.education.ne.gov/Assessment/Index.html>



**ADVISER Dashboard – Vendor Status Update**

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Below is the update on Student Information Systems vendors for development and validation in the ADVISER Dashboard Pilot Project.

Name	Vendor	Development	Validation	Certification	Staging 14-	Pilot Staging 15-16	Production 15-16
Powerschool	PowerSchool	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	In progress for six pilot districts; 31 Early Adopter Program districts stage data in January 2016.	Starts in December 2015 for six pilot districts; 31 EAP districts targeted for February 2016
SIMS	ESU3	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	In progress for one pilot district; Early Adopter Program districts in January 2016	Starts in December 2015 for one pilot district; Early Adopter Program districts targeted for February 2016
Infinite Campus	Infinite Campus	In progress;	In progress	Phase I certification starts in December 2015 Phase II certification targeted for June 2016	n/a		
GoEdustar	Harris School Solutions	In progress;	In progress	Targeted for spring 2016	n/a		
JMC	JMC Inc	In progress;			n/a		
Schoolmaster	Tyler Technologies	Planning			n/a		
Sycamore Education	Sycamore Leaf Solutions	Not started			n/a		
EduPoint	Synergy	Not started			n/a		
Administrator's Plus	Rediker Software	Not started			n/a		
Lumen WebSIS	Lumen Software	Not started			n/a		
Engrade	Engrade	Not started			n/a		
TeacherEase	Common Goal Systems	Not started			n/a		



### **Early Childhood Education Program Competitive Grants are now available**

Applications are due by **5:00 pm CST Friday, February 12, 2016**. Eligible applicants are public school districts, individually or in a cooperation with other school districts and educational service units. Districts interested in this funding opportunity are required to work cooperatively with programs that exist with the community, including Head Start and private child care and preschool programs. The grant program may expand, but must not supplant programs and services within the community or service area that are currently provided using state or federal funds.

Guidelines for writing applications, application forms, budget forms, and additional resource information are available on the NDE Office of Early Childhood website <http://www.education.ne.gov/oec/forms.html>. All forms must be downloaded from the website, completed, and submitted via email.

If you have questions, please contact one of the Education Specialists at the NDE Office of Early Childhood:

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### **NSSRS Validations Error #474 – Early Childhood – Guidance for Reviewing and/or Resolving**

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or [nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov](mailto:nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov))

#### **Error #474: Students Was Reported As PK But The Student's Age is 5 And Cannot Be In PK (STUDENT and YEAR-END SPED SNAPSHOT) [STUDENT]**

Student was reported as PK, but the student's age is 5 and cannot be in PK. NOTE: To correct, district can add YEAR-END SPED SNAPSHOT template, change child's birth date, change grade or remove from school. If 5 year-old without SPED identification is being served in PK, school must call EC office. (STUDENT and YEAR-END SPED SNAPSHOT)

This error is referring to the “Year-end Sped Snapshot”. The system is expecting to see this student in the Year-End Sped Snapshot and it doesn’t. This error is more of a reminder for you to be sure and include these students in your next Monthly/Year-End Sped Snapshot upload.

If the student is not in Special Education and being served in PK as a 5 year old, please contact the NDE Early Childhood office for further review.



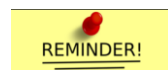
### **Special Education Monthly/Year-End Snapshot**

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or [nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov](mailto:nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov))

**Public and State Operated Schools only**

This is a reminder for School Districts uploading their Monthly/Year-End Special Education Snapshot, please remember to upload a complete file of all special education students in the first upload to 2015-2016 Year End Collection. The Monthly/Year-End Special Education Snapshot is the source of special education data to be compared with data provided by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) that occurs on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of each month for the purpose of creating the Medicaid in Public Schools (MIPS) claim forms/lists. Participation in MIPS is required by Nebraska Revised Statute 43-2511.

When the district uploads its first Special Education Snapshot for 2015-2016 Year End, it must be a complete file and include all special education students. After the initial upload for year-end, individual records can be uploaded in the monthly updates. A monthly Special Education Snapshot must be submitted when there are new students in special education and whenever there are changes in Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy or Speech Therapy services.



### **2015-16 Sped IDEA Consolidated Grant (GMS) Staff Instructions **Update – Due: Dec 15****

Contact: NDE Special Education Regional Representative

Clarification: The IDEA Consolidated grant (GMS) staff page instructions have been amended. **All** district non-certified staff will require manual addition to the grant application. Refer to notes in **RED** on the graphic below:

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2015-2016 SPED IDEA Consolidated - 00  
Original Application

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Overview	Program Information	Staff	Equipment/Capital Outlay	Budget	Page Lock Control
Staff Overview	Verified Staff Retrieval	Manual Staff Data Entry			

**Personnel - Manual** [Instructions](#)

**Notes:**

This page is for the identification of Certificated /Licensed Staff paid with IDEA Part B (611) Base - 4404 funds that do not appear on the previous Verified Staff page.

Instructions for Manual Staff Data Entry:

**Note 1:** This page may only be used to add newly hired staff that are properly endorsed or licensed for Special Education, but have not yet been verified through NSSRS **or are paras or other non-certified staff.**

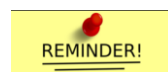
**Note 2:** Existing staff must have a valid NSSRS ID to be manually entered on this page.

**Note 3:** Please use the following staff identification numbers for staff yet to be hired:  
 8888888888 - Substitutes to be hired  
 9999999999 - Staff to be hired (includes instructional/certificated staff, para-professionals)  
 Substitutes can be grouped together on one line and staff to be hired can be grouped together on one line.

**Note 4:** For staff not yet hired, please use 'TBD' for the Last and First Name and enter the Salary and FTE information. For substitutes, please use 'Subs' for the Last and First Name and enter the Salary and FTE information.

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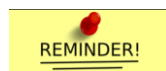
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### **Sped IDEA Consolidated Application (GMS) – Due: December 15**

Contact: Pete Biaggio (402-471-2471 or [pete.biaggio@nebraska.gov](mailto:pete.biaggio@nebraska.gov))

The 2015-16 Sped IDEA Consolidated application opened in the GMS Wednesday, October 21, with a due date of December 15 (11:59 p.m.). Check the NDE Portal for any updates.



**The following collections are currently open in the Consolidated Data Collection (CDC)**

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or [nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov](mailto:nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov))

Please refer to the CDC Calendar which is located on the NSSRS Resources page at <http://www.education.ne.gov/nssrs/Resources.html#Instructions> and also review the instructions available in each of the CDC collections for further details about each collection.

**Technology Plan (Nonpublic optional)**

District Technology, Education, Assessment and Management Plan.

***Audit Window Close Date: February 15, 2016***

***Collection completed by Public, Nonpublic, State Operated and ESU's***

For more information, contact SuAnn Witt - [suann.witt@nebraska.gov](mailto:suann.witt@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-2085

**Teacher Vacancy Survey (CDC Collection)**

The annual Teacher Vacancy Survey collects statewide teacher vacancy information which is used to determine teacher shortage areas. This information is used to qualify content areas eligible for a number of state and federal teacher loan forgiveness opportunities and to inform research regarding teacher supply and shortage initiatives. Public districts, Nonpublic systems and Educational Service Units will find the Teacher Vacancy Survey in the Portal under the CDC. **Audit Window Closes December 10**

***Collection completed by Public, Nonpublic, ESU's***

For more information, contact: Karen Buller – [karen.buller@nebraska.gov](mailto:karen.buller@nebraska.gov) (402) 471-4837



**State of the Schools Report (SOSR) Calendar for 2015**

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or [nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov](mailto:nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov))

The following provides the dates when data and decisions will be available for review in the 2014-2015 SOSR Preview prior to public release. Once the Report Card is released to the public, the data will not be changed so it is important for Districts to review their data. The 2014-2015 SOSR Preview will be available through the NDE Portal.

Date	Activity	Public/District
Aug. 26, 2015	2014-2015 SOSR District Preview opens with the following data: Data from End-of-Year NSSRS Reports Preliminary AYP results for the 30 day review NeSA Reading, Math and Science results (disaggregated)	District only
Sept., 25, 2015	Last day AYP Appeals will be accepted	District Only
Oct. 16, 2015	SOSR 2014-2015 Report Card released to the public	Public
Nov. 13, 2015	Graduation, Drop-out, Highly Mobile, and School Mobility data added to the 2014-2015 SOSR District Preview	District Only
Nov. 20, 2015	Graduation, Drop-out, Highly Mobile, and School Mobility data added to the Public SOSR 2014-2015 Report Card	Public

## **HOW TO CONTACT THE NDE HELPDESK**

There are three ways to contact the NDE Helpdesk with questions.

**All three ways get to the same place, so please only use one of the following options.**

**If you send more than one request this may delay our response as we coordinate all requests.**

1. Submit a "Helpdesk Request" from your portal account. After logging into the NDE Portal, it is available in the upper right corner of the Collection Announcement page. This will be the fastest way to get your request to the NDE Helpdesk.

**OR**

2. Email: [nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov](mailto:nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

**OR**

3. Call Toll Free: 888-285-0556 – **This is a Voicemail line ONLY.**

**Please leave your full name, organization, call back number and a brief description of your question.**

ALSO: If you have contacted the NDE Program Staff person, please do not also contact the Helpdesk. Multiple contacts will delay the response.

**THANK YOU!**

### **NDE Bulletins: Past and Present:**

Current and past NDE Bulletins can be found at <http://www.education.ne.gov/ndebulletins/index.html>. We will also continue to send the bulletin out via e-mail.

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